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For: **METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF TRIMETHYLCYCLOHEXYL-ALKAN-3-OLS CONTAINING A HIGH PROPORTION OF TRANS ISOMERS**

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and a copy of the European Search Report in which these documents were cited, are provided herewith.

1. Chemical Abstracts Service, Gvinter, L.I. et al., Changes in the Selectivity of Catalytic Action During Hydrogenation of the Dienone Group. IX. Hydrogenation of β -ionone on Nickel Catalysts, XP002258888, Abstract

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2. Savoia D et al., Active Metals from Potassium-Graphite. Air-Oxidized Nickel-Graphite as a New Selective Hydrogenation Catalyst, Journal of Organic Chemistry, Volume 46, (1981), pages 5344-5348, XP009016115
3. German Patent Application No. DE 24 55 761 A
4. German Patent Application No. DE 100 62 771 A
5. US Patent Application US20020082457A1: Process for the preparation of 1-(2,2,6-trimethylcyclohexyl)-3-alkanols

Documents 1-4 were cited in a Search Report which issued in the parallel EP application.

The abstract of Document 1 was cited as particularly relevant taken alone (X category) with respect to claims 1-6 of the EP application. Document 1 is in the English language.

Example 5 of Document 2 was cited as particularly relevant taken alone (X category) with respect to claims 1-6 of the EP application. Document 2 is in the English language.

The relevancy of the non-English documents is discussed below.

Document 3

Examples 26-29 of Document 3 were cited as particularly relevant taken alone (X category) with respect to claim 7 of the EP application. Document 3 concerns hydrogenated methyl ionone odoriferous derivatives - made in high yields by reduction using a Raney nickel-copper chromite catalyst combination. Applicants are not aware of any English language translation of Document 3.

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Document 4

Claims 13-15 of Document 4 were cited as particularly relevant taken alone (X category) with respect to claim 7 of the EP application. Document 3 relates to a process for the preparation of 1-(2,2,6-trimethylcyclohexyl)-3-alkanols with a content of at least 15% of trans isomers, based on the total amount of the 1-(2,2,6-trimethylcyclohexyl)-3-alkanol, by catalytic hydrogenation, where a) 1-(2,6,6-trimethyl-1 or 2-cyclohexen-1-yl)-1-alken-3-ones are reacted in the presence of ruthenium-containing catalysts or catalyst mixtures, or b) 1-(2,6,6-trimethyl-1 or 2-cyclohexen-1-yl)-1-alken-3-ols are reacted in the presence of catalysts which contain 1 or more elements of groups Ib, VIb and VIII of the Periodic Table of the Elements. Document 5 is an English language document corresponding to Document 4.

Document 5 is in the English language, is in the patent family of Document 4, and a copy thereof is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after three months from the application's filing date and before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, therefore no Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

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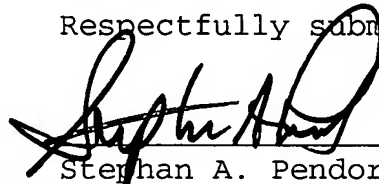
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to antedated or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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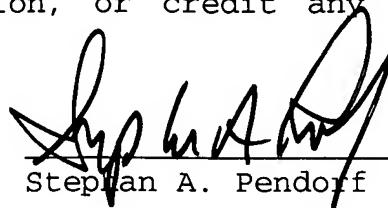
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Chemical Abstracts Service, Gvinter, L.I. et al., Changes in the Selectivity of Catalytic Action During Hydrogenation of the Dienone Group. IX. Hydrogenation of ?-ionone on Nickel Catalysts, XP002258888, Abstract
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